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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : DELBERT CLARKE PILE

SERIAL NO.: 10/791,330

FILED : MARCH 2, 2004

FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A RETRACTABLE
BASKETBALL BACKBOARD AND HOOP ASSEMBLY

EXAMINER : M. CHAMBERS

GROUP : 3711

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed July 28, 2005, in the above-identified application, wherein the Examiner objected to Claim 19 for formal reasons, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-47 in view of prior art, and further wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-47 under the judicially created doctrine of

obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview of August 23, 2005.

Based on the following amendments and remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: